

**RIGHT TO COUNSEL — Arizona right is the same as federal right**  
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The right to counsel in Arizona is provided by Article II, § 24 of the Arizona Constitution<sup>(1)</sup> and by Rule 6.1, Ariz. R. Crim. P.<sup>(2)</sup> The Arizona right to counsel is identical to the right to counsel provided by the United States Constitution. In *State v. Transon*, 186 Ariz. 482, 485, 924 P.2d 486, 489 (App.1996), the defendant argued that Arizona's right to counsel was broader than the federal right. The Court of Appeals rejected that argument and held that the Arizona right to counsel and the federal right to counsel are identical in scope.

1. "In criminal prosecutions, the accused shall have the right to appear and defend in person, and by counsel . . . ."
2. "A defendant shall be entitled to be represented by counsel in any criminal proceeding, except in those petty offenses . . . where there is no prospect of imprisonment . . . ."